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## NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s): Mark Nickeas and Martin Nickeas

For (title): VALVE SECURITY DEVICE

## 1. Type of Application

This new application is for a(n):

☒ Original

☐ Design

☐ Plant

## 2. Papers Enclosed

A. Required for filing date under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) (Regular) or 37 C.F.R. § 1.153 (Design) Application

<u>15</u>	Pages of specification	<u>5</u>	Sheets of drawing
<u>15</u>	Pages of claims		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> formal
<u>1</u>	Pages of abstract		<input type="checkbox"/> informal

36 TOTAL PAGES

B. Oath or Declaration

☒ Newly executed (original or copy)

## 3. Additional papers enclosed

☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet and document(s))

☐ This is a ☐ continuation ☐ divisional application and the assignment document for the parent application \_\_\_\_\_ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_, Reel \_\_\_\_\_, Frame \_\_\_\_\_.

☒ Power of Attorney

## CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.10

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**4. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)**A. ☒ Regular application

CLAIMS AS FILED					
	Number Filed		Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a) \$ 770.00
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c))	<b>40</b>	- 20 =	<b>20</b>	x \$ 18.00	<b>\$360.00</b>
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b))	<b>3</b>	- 3 =	<b>0</b>	x \$ 86.00	<b>\$0.00</b>
Multiple dependent claim(s), if any (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(d))				+ \$ 290.00	<b>0</b>
FILING FEE CALCULATION					<b><u>\$1130.00</u></b>

**5. Assertion of Small Entity Status**☒ Applicant hereby asserts status as a small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

FILING FEE CALCULATION (50% of A above)

**\$565.00****6. Fee Payment Being Made at This Time**☒ Enclosed☒ Filing fee\$ 565.00☒ Recording assignment (\$40.00; 37 C.F.R. § 1.21(h))\$ 40.00

TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED

\$ **605.00****7. Method of Payment of Fees**☒ Attached is a ☒ check ☐ money order in the amount of \$ 605.00.☐ Authorization is hereby made to charge the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 502481.☒ Charge any additional fees required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 502481. A duplicate of this paper is attached.

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